

### The Executive Branch: Problem Solving

Imagine you are the President of the United States. Below is a list of problems that you must solve immediately. Which Cabinet department and/or department subunit/independent executive agency/government corporation has jurisdiction over each problem?

Possible correct answers: 53

TIME LIMIT: 30 minutes!

Situation	Cabinet Department	Department Subunit/Independent Agency/Government Corporation
1. A brand of medicine is found to be impure.		
2. The Marriott hotel chain has been found to have unsafe working conditions.		
3. Bank robbers have stolen \$300,000 from a Wells Fargo branch.		
4. You need some spying done in Cuba on a missile system.	N/A	
5. The railroad unions threaten a national strike.	N/A	
6. An insured local bank goes broke; Uncle Harry is panicking because he had all his savings in the bank.	N/A	
7. How many people in the United States drive a car?		
8. You are considering a new loan program to help Gulf War veterans.		
9. The nation's nuclear weapons stockpile requires maintenance.		
10. The U.S. must respond to an attack on a U.S. ship in the Pacific Ocean.		
11. There are 100,000 new applications for social security benefits.	N/A	
12. A Turkish cruise ship docks in New York with illegal narcotics aboard.		
13. Lumber companies are wasting the land by improper logging.	N/A	
14. Tom, Dick, and Harry are counterfeiting United States currency.		
15. There is a riot in cell block A at a federal prison.		
16. Another bonus crop in cotton threatens to lower the price.		
17. Central San Jose needs more affordable housing for needy families.		
18. The Sioux Indians are protesting at the Black Hills Reservation due to poor conditions		
19. The European Union is allowing its member countries to be unfairly subsidizing European products traded on the world market.		
20. The government must figure out how to stop people cheating on paying their income taxes.		
21. You want to make sure that no illegal activities are going on at the New York Stock Exchange.	N/A	
22. The nation is asked to loan farmers more money.		

23. The Russians want to travel with us to the moon.	N/A	
24. An attempt is made on the president's life.		
25. You must decide how to revise the "No Child Left Behind" law to adjust to complaints by various state governments about its workability.		N/A
26. The U.S. Representative to the United Nations needs to arrange to meet with foreign leaders to discuss the situation in Darfur.		
27. You have invented a machine to do homework; you want a patent.		
28. Congress has just passed a law creating a new national park in Oregon; 1 million visitors are expected annually.		
29. Five hundred immigrants apply for citizenship.		
30. A tuna boat is sinking two miles outside the Golden Gate Bridge.		

COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT SUBUNITS, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, AND GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

ACDA Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
AMS Agricultural Marketing Service  
BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs  
BOP Bureau of Prisons  
BOTS Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
CEA Council of Economic Advisors  
CIA Central Intelligence Agency  
CIS Citizenship and Immigration Services  
DEA Drug Enforcement Administration  
EEOC Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
EPA Environmental Protection Agency  
FCA Farm Credit Administration  
FAA Federal Aviation Administration  
FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FCC Federal Communications Commission  
FDIC Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
FEC Federal Election Commission  
FHA Federal Housing Administration  
FRB Federal Reserve Board  
FTC Federal Trade Commission  
FDA Food and Drug Administration  
IOA International Organization Affairs  
IRS Internal Revenue Service  
ITA International Trade Administration  
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
NLRB National Labor Relations Board  
NNSA National Nuclear Security Administration  
NPS National Park Service  
NSF National Science Foundation  
OMB Office of Management and Budget  
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
PTO Patent and Trademark Office  
SS Secret Service  
SBA Small Business Administration  
SEC Securities and Exchange Commission  
SSA Social Security Administration  
TVA Tennessee Valley Authority  
USN United States Navy  
USCG United States Coast Guard  
VBA Veterans Benefit Administration

CABINET DEPARTMENTS

DOC Department of Commerce  
DOD Department of Defense  
HHS Health and Human Services  
HUD Housing and Urban Development  
DOI Department of the Interior  
DOL Department of Labor  
DOJ Department of Justice  
DOT Department of Transportation  
DOA Department of Agriculture  
DVA Department of Veterans Affairs  
DHS Department of Homeland Security  
ED Department of Education  
DOE Department of Energy  
DOS Department of State  
Treasury Department of the Treasury